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SUBJECT: FURTHER INFORMATION FROM AUSTRIA ON AMCITS IN IRAN

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Classified By: Econ/Pol Counselor Dean Yap. Reason: 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) Austrian MFA Middle East Director Stift contacted
Econ/Pol Counselor Sept. 22 to relay additional information
gathered by Austrian Ambassador to Iran Post1 on the six
Amcit detained in Iran.

Kian Tajbakhsh: Post1's sources have suggested that Tajbakhsh
could be pardoned in the days or weeks after President
Ahmadinejad returns from the UNGA, either by Ahmadinejad or
by Supreme Leader Khamanei. Some sources suggested the
Iranians would seek a "quid" for Takbakhsh's release.

Three Hikers: The Iranian MFA has told Post1 again that a
written request for consular access would be helpful and that
they are still awaiting such a request. Post1 also said he
would be able to convey a letter from the families of the
three hikers to the office of Supreme Leader Khamanei.

Reza Taghavi: Post1 has learned that he is in prison in
Tehran.
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